



Term 2, 2021 Newsletter Word from our Principal

Term 2, where did it go?? There were many successes over the term by a variety of sporting teams and individual athletes. Our thanks go to staff who coach, students who represent with such great respect for their opponents, and parents who assist with transport. On a cultural note our Aboriginal Dance Groups have been busy performing at a variety of community events and supporting other schools including preschools. Their sharing of Biripi language and culture led by Uncle Russ, Benn Saunders, Tannika Lewis and Josh Wood is extremely valued. Year 7 also had an "On Country" excursion to Saltwater where they took part in workshops to reinforce what they had been learning in class this term.

There was great news for the school in the area of a technology upgrade through the Rural Access Gap Strategy. All of our ageing smartboards are to be replaced, as well as additional laptops for students and staff to ensure equity of access to technology across the school. It is hoped this work will begin in the holidays thus reducing the disruption to the school.

Year 12 students are preparing for their last term of their studies. They have been well supported by teaching staff and the Senior Prep Team to not only complete tasks but to prepare for post school through individual interviews with our amazing Careers Adviser, Glen Bowman.

We say goodbye to Christy Somerville our Student Support Officer who is leaving to have a baby. Christy has been a wonderful support for so many students and families over the past 18 months. We wish her all the best until she returns. Another goodbye is to Oscar Watson Sutherland from the English faculty. We thank him for his commitment to the school and to school debating teams over the time he has been with us. We wish him well in his future pursuits.

The Mobile Phone Policy has proven successful in Term 2 and will continue in Term 3. Thanks go to students, staff and parents for applying and abiding by this policy which has seen greater engagement in classrooms and less distraction.

Another schoolwide focus beginning in Term 3 will be on Fractional Truancy and lateness to school. Students without a credible reason, will be required to make up time with class teachers or the Attendance Officer. Further information on these expectations, will be sent to parents this week and over the holidays. Students will be informed this week also and on their return to school Term 3.

Congratulations to all students receiving Awards at Semester presentations, and thank you to parents for your ongoing support of the school.

Have a restful and safe holiday

Allison Alliston

Executive Principal

INFORMATION ON SCHOOL FEES

June 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

You will be aware that Taree High School provides opportunities for students to study subjects with practical components that often require the use of special equipment and materials. The school seeks your support in contributing to the cost of these materials used and consumed by students studying the courses of their choice. These payments allow the school to provide additional benefits to students. Note that students may not be permitted to study a course if they have not paid the contributions required for courses studied previously in that subject area. For some courses the items that students have made cannot be taken home until these subject contributions have been paid. Any student who wishes to participate in a non compulsory excursion/camp will not be permitted to attend unless all subject contributions are paid or regular part payments are being made.

Should you have difficulty making these payments for subject materials, please contact the Principal.

The yearly general school contribution for 2021 has been set at \$40.00. The school welcomes your contribution as this will significantly enhance the resources made available to students. **If your statement has an unallocated credit showing this can be put towards your fees owing. Please phone the Office to arrange this.**

Payments can be made using the Parent Online Payments (POP) system by accessing the schools website www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. The 'Make a Payment' link can be found on the ribbon on the school's website. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. Payments can still be made in person at the office using cash, cheque or EFTPOS, or a credit card payment over the phone.

If you have any concerns about the details of this letter please contact the Principal.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Allison Alliston

Executive Principal

Raylene Starke

Deputy Principal

Nigel Reece

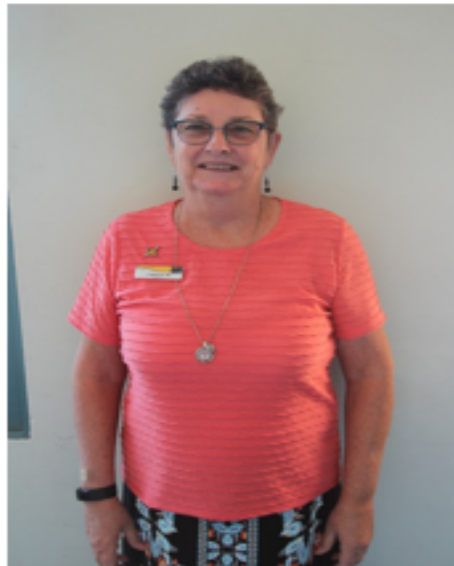
Deputy Principal

Every student is known, valued and cared for in our school.

At Taree High School we expect students to attend school at least 95% of the time.

We want to see your child in every class, every day!

Introducing our new Attendance Officer at Taree High School, Jenny Umbers



Jenny's new position involves liaising with parents/carers and the HSLO/ASLO to develop Attendance Plans for identified students, with the aim to improve regular attendance. Jenny will analyse attendance data to identify at-risk students and tracking patterns of attendance. From this information, Jenny will work with parents/carers and students in developing Attendance Plans to re-engage students to attend school every day. The effect of this strategy, will see improved educational outcomes for students, giving greater opportunities as they transition the school to work, training or further education.

To support you in achieving this:

We will maintain our channels of communication with parents and caregivers. You can assist us in this through ensuring **your contact details** are up to date and your phone can receive SMS from the school. Some students have successfully in the past blocked the number on their parents' phones.

We will advise you by SMS of daily and class absences; send letters after 3 days absence with Jenny Umbers, our Attendance Officer contacting parents when there is an attendance concern.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



TERM 3 FOCUS

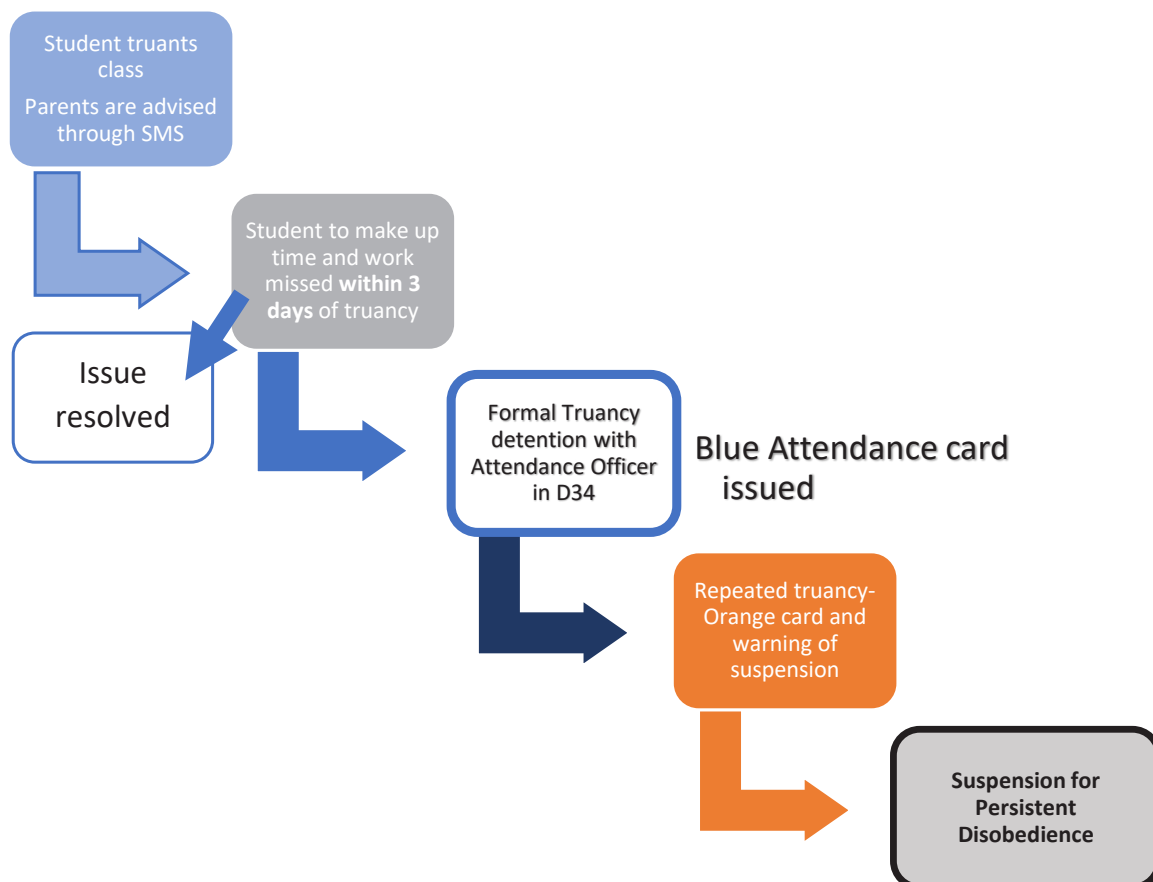
Attendance is a focus of the Taree High School Strategic Improvement Plan. Targets of over 90% school attendance are the ideal as students are maximising their learning opportunities.

Students who achieve this were congratulated at the recent Year Presentation Assemblies with over 300 students rewarded for their excellent attendance overall.

Our focus for Term 3 is eliminating Fractional Truancy. This will include students who truant classes and also students who are consistently late to school without a valid reason.

The majority of Taree High school students attend all classes timetabled without any fuss. From next term, students who truant classes during the day will be required to make the time up and complete missed work with their class teachers. Students who defy this, will be withdrawn from the playground at recess and lunch to complete their work and be placed on a Blue Attendance Monitoring Card. Further defiance will see a suspension issued for Persistent Disobedience.

We encourage parents to discuss this with their children and support the school in this area of concern. Students will be taken through the new procedures on return to school Term 3.



ENGLISH

Media for Millennials: Podcast Workshop

In Week 5 we were lucky enough to be visited by journalist Stephanie Aceglav who is also the host of a podcast called "What You Didn't Know". Stephanie tours schools in NSW conducting a workshop which teaches students everything they need to know about starting their own podcast - from coming up with a topic and title, writing intros and outros, recording, editing, adding music, and where and how to upload their podcast for the general public to listen.

The session began in the morning with students brainstorming what they are passionate about and what they could potentially talk about for an extended period of time. They also had to decide what style they wanted it to be: an interview, a commentary, a monologue - most of the THS students decided they wanted to 'rant'.

We had a range of great topics covered:

'Dumb Movie Things' was about the flaws and plot holes in films - including why there was plenty of room for Rose to let Jack float on the door in Titanic, and how unbelievable it is for one woman to have 27 close friends she would be bridesmaids for!

3Musketees discussed all of the issues facing teens today: annoying parents, learning to drive (with annoying parents in the car), and the many different types of relationships they have in their lives today - with friends, partners, employers, and teachers (and annoying parents) - and how they manage these.

Kate and Sam attempted to settle the age-old debate: who is better - boys or girls - except the twist was Kate arguing for the boys while Sam was for the girls.

We also heard episodes which argued why Dumbledore is the villain of Harry Potter; and one group discussed which is better - books or films.

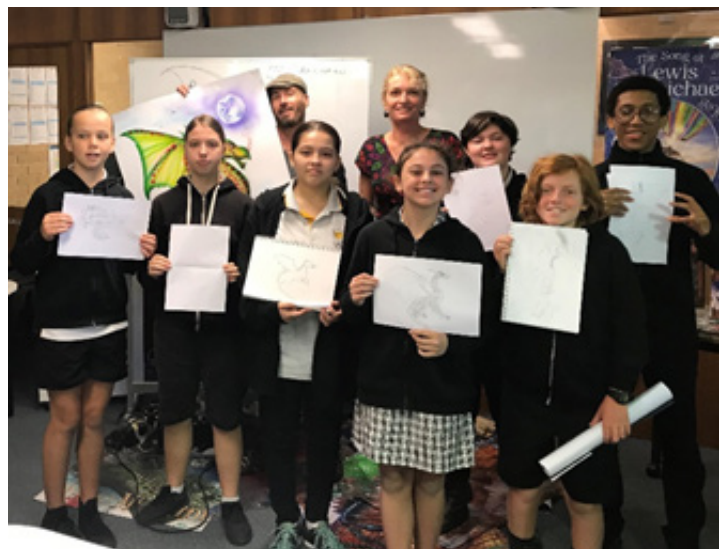
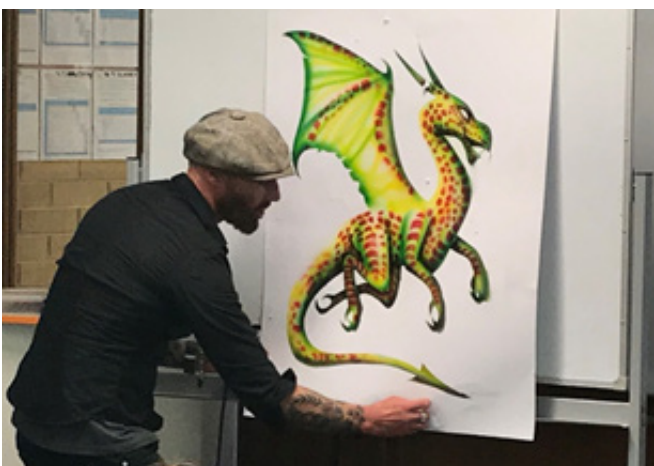
The students used authentic podcast equipment - condenser microphones to record and Audacity to edit and add sounds effects - which made these podcasts sound amazing. It was a wonderful experience for the students and we will hopefully be able to invite Stephanie back for more workshops in the future.



LIBRARY

The highlight of the term so far has been the visit of a famous illustrator to our library. Mr Marc McBride is an Irishman who did all the illustrations for the Deltora Quest series by Emily Rodda. He is an expert in drawing dragons, monsters and weird creatures of all kinds. On May 21 he entertained us with his witty stories and demonstration of the air brushing technique he uses for his art. The students were all mesmerized by his flamboyant style and lyrical accent.

Many of our students are avid drawers – Murribi Lester, Shantel Parsons and Caleb De Vries for example, and Mr McBride inspired them to keep working on their art – “if I can do it, so can you” he said. We may even enter a few artworks in the competition which he recommended to us at ozkids.com.au. The best thing of all was that we got to keep the dragon that he created for us. I have had it framed and it is in pride of place in the library.



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Lower North Coast Dance Festival

On Monday the 24th May, ten dancers represented our school at the Lower North Coast Dance Festival held at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie. The students performed a snazzy, very jazzy routine to Meghan Trainor's "I'm a Lady", dressed in sequin and looking sensational. The students had been working on this routine during lunch breaks since the beginning of the year. Prior to the festival, the group were privileged to have a full-day rehearsal at Andrea Rowsell Dance Studio in town. This enabled the students to dance in a purpose-built space, with tarket flooring and mirrors, which enabled them to really refine their positions and transitions. On the day, we had the wonderful Ms Weatherby for hair, makeup and pizza pick-up for dinner!

A shout out once more to each of our dancers. We look forward to seeing the glitzy routine at other showcases throughout the year.



Ceramics Incursion

On Friday 14th May, a full-day Ceramics Workshop was run for interested senior Visual Arts students. The workshop focused on concepts and strategies for building up a Body of Work. Students explored, developed and finalised artworks using clay as their art medium. They learned a range of techniques for building, texturing and decorating clay pieces using some remarkable rollers and stamps. The workshops were enjoyed immensely by all!



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Musical Instruments

This semester, Year 7 students showed their inventive skills by planning, designing and building their own musical instruments from found objects around the house, things like: cardboard boxes, pipes, fishing line and more. An incredible variety of instruments were produced, from maracas to wind chimes, didgeridoos, xylophones, drums and even a saxophone. In addition to looking super cool, the instruments made very convincing sounds, which was the main criteria of the task. Congratulations to our junior musical inventors



Equestrian Excursion

Year 11 Photography students were privileged to visit the Taree Equestrian Centre on Friday 7th May for an awesome off-site learning experience. The students observed horses in training and were able to put their learned skills into practice in the field. Capturing interesting details from interesting angles, students captured some charming photographs. Since the excursion, they have been editing their photographs in Photoshop, producing some excellent equine edits. Congratulations to our senior photographers!



SPORT REPORT

Zone and Regional Cross Country

In Week 1 of this Term we had 37 students represent the School at Zone Cross Country held at Wingham Sporting Complex. The top runners from Zone then progressed through to Regional Cross Country held in Week 7 at Tocal College at Paterson with some of our runners qualifying for State. The following students were top 10 at Hunter Region and qualified for State which will take place on 16th July: Rosalie Eggins, Zane Hopkins, Kallee Rutledge, Ffion Davy and Isaac Hayden.

Futsal

In Week 2 on the 27th and 28th April Taree High School had 2 teams participate in the Hastings School Futsal Titles held at Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium. Both teams represented Taree High in a great manner and spirit with a competitive drive that brought very impressive results. The U19 boys team played a number of close games and were in every match but the bounce of the ball and shots on goal weren't in their favour at the end of most games. The U16 girls however had an impressive run on the court and were able to make more of their shots on goal resulting in finishing top of their group, winning the semi-final against Camden Haven and then going on to win the Grand Final 1-0 against St Columba Anglican School.

Congratulations girls for winning the titles and becoming U16 Girls CHAMPIONS for 2021. This qualifies the girls to move on to the next stage in Coffs Harbour in August for the NSW School Titles. Coach Mr Kelly.



SPORT REPORT

Swimming

In Week 2 our School was represented by 6 students at the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park, those students as per below pictures were: Ryan Shakeshaft, Caleb Whitehouse, Bevan Smith, Max McKillop-Davies, Brady Cross and Lucas Kloosterhof.

These swimmers are to be congratulated on reaching this level and doing our School proud down in Sydney, such an amazing effort.

Following this, Bevan Smith qualified for 3 events and attended the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park on 28th May. Bevan achieved 2 Bronze medals in 50m Backstroke and 200m Backstroke and 4th place in 100m Backstroke. Being in the top 3 swimmers in the State, Bevan qualified for the Pan Pacific Games but unfortunately due to Covid these games have been cancelled. Congratulations Bevan on such a significant achievement.



Football

Under 15's Girls Football (soccer)

Game 1 Taree High School v Camden Haven High School

After a few false starts with wet weather, earlier this Term the girls travelled to Camden Haven and were able to get out and play the long awaited first game of the Bill Turner Trophy. The girls took the win 4-0.

Game 2 Taree High School v Great Lakes College Tuncurry

A short turnaround saw the girls playing Tuncurry within 1 week of game 1.

The girls witheld an early series of charges at our goal before an outstanding ball from Jorja Holborow found Asha Paff who made no mistake in front of goal. A seesawing second half had the score back to 2-1, the final score of the game, Taree High taking the win.

Game 3 yet to be played.

Coach Mr Gollan.



SPORT REPORT

Touch Football

In Week 3 on Friday 7th May both our Open Boys and Girls Touch Football Teams travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Hunter Combined High Schools Knockout. The Boys team played Jesmond as their first opponent. The game was extremely close locked at 5-5 and went into extra time. Taree High end up winning the game 7-5. The boys went down in their second game 4-2 and are to be commended on their efforts this year and how they conducted themselves throughout.

The girls team also played Jesmond as their first opponent and came out on top with a 6-2 win. The semi final seen the strong rivalry between Taree High and Tomaree High continue. This match could have went either way and our girls took the win 2-1 to find themselves in the Final against Hunter Sports High. The girls put up a brave fight but were out done 3 tries to nil. the girls now advance as Hunter B in NSW CHS final 20 teams in this competition. Well done girls and we wish you all the best with your games ahead later this year.

In Week 7 both our 7/8 Girls and Boys teams travelled to Port Macquarie for the All Schools Touch Football Carnival. The girls had great success winning all four round games with an impressive for and against of 23 tries scored for and only 1 against. The girls finished top of Pool B and met St Clares in the semi final. The girls were down 2-0 for most of the match and showed great spirit to draw the game level at 2-2. With the siren sounding in the background, St Clares showed their class and scored in the corner to advance. The girls played very well with special mentions to Bonnie Umland who was our top try scorer and Lara Whatson for her outstanding show of speed.

Our 7/8 Boys team were very impressive winning all of their pool games. Unfortunately Kalim Mitchell got injured causing us to put players out of position and play more minutes. The boys dug deep in the finals and fought their way back from 2-0 down. When the full time siren went the scores were locked 3-3. The boys were only just beaten by Mackillop (2) 4-3 in the finals.



SPORT REPORT

Touch Football continued

Also in Week 7 both our 9/10 Boys & Girls teams competed in the NSW Touch Football All Schools Carnival at Port Macquarie.

The boys team went in to the day quietly confident and progressed through their round matches comfortably. Until an injury to Macklin Green seen a shuffle in rotations and a costly loss to St Josephs Regional College. The Boys division was made up of 7 teams, with each team to play each other once and the top 2 would progress to a final. Unfortunately, the boys finished 3rd in their pool with only the one loss and missed out on a finals spot on for and against. Unlucky boys!

The girls competition was split in to 2 divisions, the top 2 teams from each pool progressed to the finals. The girls went through their pool matches unbeaten without much threat of loss. They saved their best touch until last, beating St Josephs Regional College in the semi-final with a convincing 4-1 scoreline, and went on to defeat MacKillop in the Grand final 3-1. The girls team won the title of Mid North Coast Champions and have qualified to compete in the National Schools Cup. Due to current Covid-19 impacts, the future of the National Schools Cup is currently unknown. Once we have clarity, NSW Touch will be able to make a determination on the pathway from this event through to the national finals.

Well done to both teams!



SPORT REPORT

Rugby League

In Week 4 Taree High School's Open Boys Rugby League team played in the 2021 CHS University Shield at Lakeside Sporting Complex, Raymond Terrace. 10 Schools took part in the event being played for the first time in 2 years with the event not going ahead in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The boys won 2 games and had a draw in the third game and just missed out on the finals.

In Week 7 both the Under 13's and Open Boys Rugby League teams played in the Country Cup. The Under 13's won 2 games and lost 1 game. Both Jake Hunter and Jackson Allan had solid performances. The Open Boys played 1 game against St Clares High School and this was a close game but the boys went down by only 1 try.

On Thursday 17 June (Week 9) our Open Boys Rugby League team travelled to Port Macquarie to play in the Country Cup. Their first game they played against Newman College Port Macquarie in a hard fought out win which enabled the team to play in the final. They came up against St Clares High School in the final.

With the inclusion of Navren Willett and Taye Cochrane this gave the team a boost with a bit more skill and dominance on the left edge. Taree High School defeated St Clares High School in the final to move into the Country Cup Northern Semi Final to be played in Coffs Harbour in Term 3.

The NRL stated that there were some outstanding games of football played on the day and they were very proud of how the players conducted themselves on and off the field.

Good luck to the team for the upcoming game ahead in Term 3.

Coaches: Mr Castles and Mr Wood



SPORT REPORT

Hockey

Week 6 saw our Open Boys and Girls Hockey teams compete in Round 2 of the Combined High Schools Hockey Knockout at Taree Hockey Fields.

The Boys played Gloucester High School and won 8-0. The Gloucester boys were a strong and skillful side which wasn't a true reflection of the score. The Taree High School boys dominated the game in the second half with 6 out of the 8 goals being scored. Goals were scored by Brady Cross, Jayden Manusu, Flynn Pereira and a special mention to Blake Dohnt who scored 4.

The Girls played Wingham High School and again won 18-0. The Taree High girls were dominant and outskilled the opposition. Goals were scored by Chloe Neal, Makayla Manusu, Hayley Manusu, Lara Watson, Sophie Whittaker and a special mention to Lillianah Williams who scored 7.

In Week 10 our Open Boys and Girls Hockey teams competed in the Quarter Finals of the Combined High Schools Hockey Knockout at Taree Hockey Fields.

The girls played Gloucester High School in the pouring rain and came away with a 7-0 win. Goal scorers - Tilley Hunter x 2, Abby Watts x 3, Lillianah Williams and Chloe Neal.

The boys played Tomaree High School and the weather conditions improved slightly and also came away with a 8-2 win.

Goal scorers - Jayden Manusu x 3, Ryan Withers x 2, Toby Allan x 2, Flynn Pereira.

Both teams will now progress to the Semi Finals at Newcastle Hockey Centre on the 14th July 2021. We wish both teams all the best.

Proud Coaches: Ms Hardy and Mrs Harris



2021 ATHLETICS

Athletics 2021

As our annual Athletics Carnival was cancelled for this year and wasn't able to be run in time for students to make it through to Zone Athletics, early in Term 2 Mrs Phillips and her PDHPE team ran athletics events at school for 2 weeks to give the students a chance to qualify for Zone.

Congratulations to our age champions listed below but also to the band of 47 students who trialed for the athletics events. They gave up all recesses and lunchtimes for two weeks to get all events finished and displayed spirit, cooperation and supported each others performances. Here is hoping that the weather and COVID will be much kinder to us in 2022 so we can have a full school carnival.

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS 2021						
BOYS				GIRLS		
AGE	NAME	HOUSE		AGE	NAME	HOUSE
12 YEARS	Evan Thomas	Manning		12 YEARS	Rosalie Eggins	Murray
13 YEARS	Julian Jackson	Hooke		13 YEARS	Bonnie Uwland	Murray
14 YEARS	Connor Humphrey	Murray		14 YEARS	Kallee Rutledge	Peel
15 YEARS	Lachlan Murray	Murray		15 YEARS	Ffion Davy	Hooke
16 YEARS	Brydan Sadler	Murray		16 YEARS	Tyla Humphrey	Murray
17+ YEARS	Serge Morcombe	Manning		17+ YEARS	Tilley Hunter	Peel

In Week 5 on Friday 21st May, Taree High School took 2 bus loads of students who qualified for Zone to Tuncurry to compete at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival. The weather held out and they were very lucky to get through all of the scheduled events on the day. Those students that qualified at Zone will now go through to Hunter Athletics in Newcastle in Week 2 of Term 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

Staff Development Day	Monday 12th July
Term 3 Resumes	Tuesday 13th July
Hunter Athletics	Wednesday 21st July
Year 10 Immunisation	Thursday 5th August
HSC Trials	Monday 9th - Friday 20th August
Year 11 Snow Trip	Sunday 15th August - Friday 20th August
Year 7 - 10 Parent Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 7th September
Year 12 Presentation Night	Wednesday 15th September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 17th September

Homework Centre



Dear Parent/ Carer,

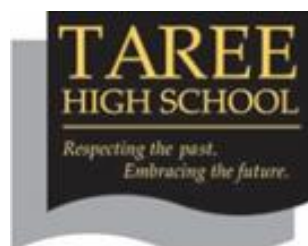
In support of improving engagement and retention of students, Taree High School facilitates a Homework centre every Thursday afternoon commencing at 3.15pm and finishing at 4.30pm. Located in the Taree High School's Library.

All Taree High School students are welcome to attend the Homework Centre. The Homework Centre is a resource that provides students with extra assistance when completing assessment tasks and homework, tutoring options are also available. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

For safety and wellbeing of students who attend this program, students are not permitted to leave the school premises before the Homework centre begins without parental permission.

Students are to be picked up at 4:30 from the front of the school. If you require further information please contact the school.

Marrungbu (Thank you)



Contact teacher: Barb Tate
Contact teacher: Naomi Grooteman
Contact SLSO: Karlene Reading
Contact Aboriginal SLSO: Tannika Lewis
Taree High School- 02 6552 1166

STUDENT UPDATE DETAILS

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians

To keep our records up to date could you please complete the slip below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

Residential Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Name of other students at THS: (Living at the same address)

1. Parent/Carers/Guardian: _____

Phone Numbers: H. _____ M. _____

2. Parent/Carers/Guardian: _____

Phone Numbers: H. _____ M. _____

Family Email: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Authority to publish photos: YES / NO

Parent/Carer/Guardian 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer/Guardian 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office use Only: Updated: _____ Date: _____

NESA updated Yr 10,11,12 : Yes / No

PCYC TAREE

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AND
BOOK TODAY!**

5- 12 YRS | HALF DAY \$25 | FULL DAY \$40
Payment Must Be Made At Time Of Booking

MON 28 JUN : BASKETBALL CAMP 9-12PM | CREATIVE KIDS 12:30 - 3:30PM

TUE 29 JUN - RIDE & SKATE 9-12PM | Free-G 12:30 - 3:30PM

WED 30 JUN - RIDE & SKATE 9-12PM | LEGO BATTLE 12:30 - 3:30PM

THU 1 JUL - BASKETBALL CAMP 9-12PM | Free-G 12:30 - 3:30PM

FRI 2 JUL - GYMSTAR 9-12PM | CREATIVE KIDS 12:30 - 3:30PM

MON 5 JUL - BASKETBALL CAMP 9-12PM | CREATIVE KIDS 12:30-3:30PM

TUE 6 JUL - RIDE & SKATE 9-12PM | Free-G 12:30 - 3:30PM

WED 7 JUL - RIDE & SKATE 9-12PM | LEGO BATTLE 12:30 - 3:30PM

THU 8 JUL - BASKETBALL CAMP 9-12PM | Free-G 12:30-3:30PM

FRI 9 JUL - GYMSTAR 9-12PM | CREATIVE KIDS 12:30 - 3:30PM

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